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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Comments on Reports by the House Committee on Government Operations

REFERENCE: Committee on Government Operations Reports:
(a) Satellite Communications, 17 March 1965
(b) Government Operations in Space, 4 June 1965
(c) Government Weather Programs, 17 March 1965

1. This memorandum is for your information and is in response to a request of the Assistant Legislative Counsel on the above subject.

2. Reference reports (a) and (b) are of the type that provide information very useful as background and reference, and permit a perspective view on current activities concerning our national space program at the policy-making level. The consequent awareness of our problems, decisions, and progress in this challenging area reflects indirectly but importantly on our assessments of foreign research and development efforts in missiles and space, particularly in the evaluation and estimation of future trends.

3. Reference (c) reflects clearly U.S. leadership with respect to meteorological satellites. Many nations are routinely using data supplied by the Tiros system, and even some East European countries have constructed special antennas to obtain data directly from the Tiros automatic picture transmission system. The United States has entered into a bilateral agreement to cooperate with the USSR in meteorological satellite observations, but the Soviets have fallen behind in their program and have yet to supply any useful data.

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